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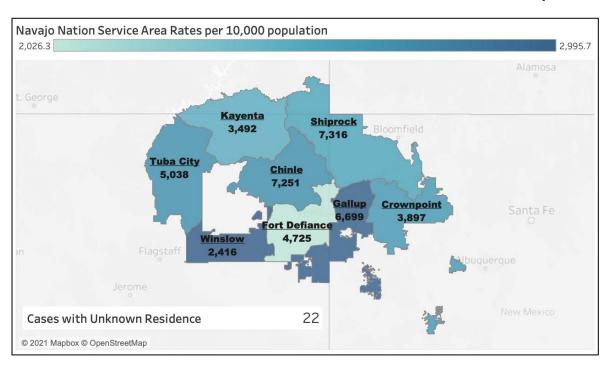
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10 new cases, 38,954 recoveries, and no deaths related to COVID-19 reported



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Tuesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 10 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and no recent deaths. The total number of deaths remains 1,576. The report indicates that 38,954 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 408,679 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 40,856, including 24 delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 7,251

Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,897Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,725

Gallup Service Unit: 6,699

Kayenta Service Unit: 3,492

Shiprock Service Unit: 7,316
Tuba City Service Unit: 5,038
Winslow Service Unit: 2,416

On Tuesday, the state of Arizona reported 2,395 new cases, Utah reported 811 new cases, and New Mexico reported 733.

"The Omicron variant has not been detected on the Navajo Nation, but we have to anticipate it and be prepared. The best way to prepare and build our defense against all variants is to get more of our people fully vaccinated for COVID-19, and a booster shot if eligible for one. It's important to point out that the vaccines do not guarantee that you won't get COVID-19, but they are highly effective in preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death if you do get the virus. The COVID-19 vaccine can save your life. Take precautions and continue to pray for our frontline warriors and those who are fighting COVID-19," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"We've lost far too many of our people to COVID-19 and that's the situation around the world. Thanks to our public health workers, we know what safety measures must be taken to protect ourselves and others from the virus, but it comes down to our individual actions and choices. Please make the right choices for you and your loved ones and please continue to pray for all of our people," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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^{* 22} residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.